(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Reduction in price was decided after full examination, which took some time.

(f) and (g) Do not arise.

Price increase of Metranidazole

760. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have allowed price increase of Metranidazole after March, 1991;

(b) if so, what was the earlier price and what is the revised price;

(c) whether it is also a fact that BICP has taken the rate of Glyoxyl on very high side which is the main raw material for the production of bulk drug;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the price of Glyoxyl was based on isolated transaction and this rate has been used to inflate the price; and

(e) what was the price of Glyoxyl taken in the Costing of Metranidazole?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) The price of Metranidazole was revised from Rs. 428/- per kg. to Rs. 453/- per kg. with effect from 9-5-1991. On the basis of available information, there is only one producer of Glyoxyl in the country. After getting full details regarding price of Glyoxyl, further price revision of Metranidazole will be considered.

Set off allowed to drug companies

761. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special Team appointed by his Ministry to assess liabilities have allowed set offs;

(b) if so, names of the companies whom set offs were allowed;

(c) what are the details and break up of set offs allowed in each case;

(d) whether it is also a fact that set offs are not allowed according to Drugs Price Control Order;

(e) whether it is also a fact that Delhi High Court did not concede the plea of set offs in one of the case;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) what are the basis on which Special Team allowed set offs and what steps have been taken so far to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (g) On receipt of complaints regarding the computations made by the special Team, it was decided last year to review all their recommendations and the events thereafter. Accordingly reviewed tentative calculations have since been made in a number of cases and communicated to the concerned companies. For the remaining, the revised calculations will be made soon after receipt of complete details which have already been asked for.

Representations for inclusion of Glybenclamide under price control

762. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have received a number of representations for inclusion of Glybenclamide under price control;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these representations were referred to High Power Committee for their consideration;

(c) if so, when these representations were referred to the Committee;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Committee have sent their recommendations; and

(e) if so, when and what action has been taken so far;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) The representations with regard to inclusion/exclusion of bulk drugs (including Glybenclamide) under DPCO, 1987 are under examination of Government.

Difference between film coated and plain tablets of Metranidazole 400 mfl.

763. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a difference in film coated tablets nad plain tablets of Metranidazole 400 mg.;

(b) what was the extra amount allowed for film coated Tablets of this product and what are the norms for the same;

(c) whether it is also a fact that prices of Infusions based on Metranidazole are being overcharged;

(d) i fso, whether his Ministry have come across any such instances;

(e) if so, what are the names of the products, price fixed and charged for each; and

(f) since when the price is being overcharged on each product and what action has been taken so far against the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under DPCO, 1987, the conversion cost allowed for all plain tablets (per 1000, large 351 mg. to 600 mg.) is Rs. 725 whereas for all coated tablets of the similar strength and number, it is Rs. 10.87.

(c) to (f) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Reivew of Packing material costs

764. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BICP have been asked to review the Packing material costs;

(b) if so, what was the terms of reference of such review;

(c) whether it is also a fact that BICP have sent its findings; and

(d) what is the present packing material cost being allowed for fixing the prices of formulations and what are the basis on which it is being allowed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) BICP was requested to study the packing material costs afresh and give its recommendations. BICP has furnished its recommendations.

(d) The packing material costs presently allowed are on the basis of ceilings fixed on the basis of a BICP study and different celings have been fixed as internal guideline for avrious packing materials according to packing requirements.

Production of drugs from Intermediate and Penultimate stages

765. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of drugs being produced in the country from Intermediate and Penultimate stages for the last more than three years;

(b) what are the names of those companies and since when each drug is being produced and what was the production of each during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) what were the recommendations of Hathi Committee on the production of drugs from penultimate and intermediate stages;

(d) what are the details of Government policy on this issue;